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Eat to play, play to win!

Chris Arend

Monopoly is back at McDonalds, and the odds of winning are better than ever. The McDonalds franchise has been using the *Monopoly* promotion since 1987, and every year it has gone off without a hitch. First released only in America, now McDonalds *Monopoly* is played in ten countries worldwide, including Switzerland, Singapore, and Portugal. Before this year the game has only been played at store locations, now you can redeem your pieces online and play there as well.

To play the game, you need pieces. To get these pieces you need to buy specialized McDonalds products. This year the pieces are on the 10-piece

McNuggets, large fries, medium drink, Big Mac, Filet-o-Fish, medium and large McCafé drinks and smoothies, McGriddles breakfast sandwiches, and hash browns. Of course the odds of winning have been improved, causing more winners than ever before. One in four pieces will win something instantly.

The majority of pieces contain properties shown on the *Monopoly* board except the utilities (Water Works and Electric Company) and the four corner properties. Good luck finding them all though, because they widely release all but one of each of the property groups. The others they only release a few

dozen into all ten playing countries.

The other pieces have instant win prizes that you can redeem at any McDonalds restaurant. You could win an Angus snack wrap or even a medium order of fries. Some people may even be lucky enough to win a free Redbox movie rental. One lucky winner will find the playing piece that everyone wants, a brand new 2011 Shelby GT500. No matter the prize, someone will be happy.

Of course there are other prizes, and new this year are specialized prizes just for playing online. You could win \$1,000 cash or maybe even a \$5,000 Walmart gift card. Maybe you could

get a hint of the tropics with a Beaches vacation package valued at \$10,000. Top prize for online play is a brand new 2011 Ford Edge Sport edition valued at \$40,000.

Then of course there is the classic way to win, collect properties. Once you get the certain number of properties, you win the prize allotted. You could win cash up to \$50,000, an EA Sports trip, a 4-day Beaches vacation, or a gift certificate to spawish.com worth \$200. The top prize for Park Place and Boardwalk is \$1,000,000 cash.

The odds are in your favor, so get out there and start collecting; free food and fortunes are waiting for you.

Keep an eye on the road

Karl Nicolaus

With fall harvest at full speed, there is a lot of farm equipment on the roadways. Most tractors and combines can only travel about 20 mph. If you see a slow moving vehicle sign, slow down. It can be difficult to judge the distance and speed between your vehicle and the farm equipment.

Watch out for field entrances and road intersections where machinery could be turning. The number one leading

cause of accidents is left hand turn collisions. Use caution when following farm equipment because they could turn without warning the vehicles behind them. Sometimes tractors or combines need to make a wide turn and may appear like they are pulling over to let you by but could suddenly turn into your travel path.

Be patient when following equipment and don't pass on hills. The most

common time of day for vehicle collisions is between 4-8 p.m. Any piece of farm equipment is heavier than a car, so keep your eyes on the road while driving this fall.

Safe Driving Tips

Farm Safety

- *Slow down as soon as you spot a piece of farm equipment.
- *Watch for hand signals.
- *Be aware of the triangular Slow-Moving-Vehicle (SMV) sign.
- *Watch for flashing amber lights - it marks the far right and left of farm equipment.
- *Do not speed past farm machinery.
- *Do not pull out in front of slow moving vehicle and then slow suddenly.
- *Do not expect equipment to run partly on the road shoulders - it is dangerous for them.

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One last trip

Taylor Prothman

On Saturday, October 9, the senior football players and coaches took a senior trip to the Iowa State versus Utah game.

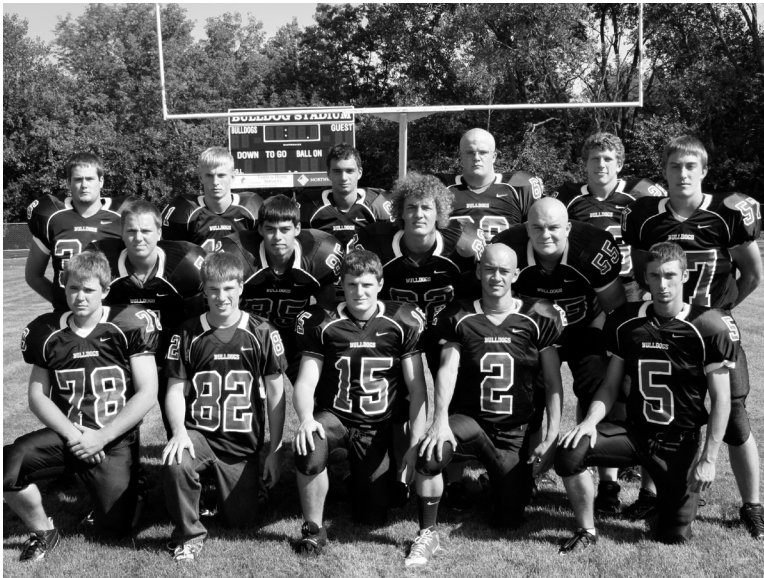
When the team arrived at Jack Trice Stadium, they were escorted to the Iowa State Jacobson building. From there the players were shown the coaches' offices, the locker room, taping and x-ray facility, aquatic therapy room, and weight room. The players then sat down for a lunch, courtesy of Iowa State, and met with various coaches of the football program. The players met exclusively with Coach Rhodes just before the game. After the meal, the players and other recruiting

guests for the day were taken through the tunnel and onto the sideline to watch warm ups.

During the game, AHS seniors were seated on the thirty yard line, 20 rows up from the sideline. The game started off close but after half time the Utes pulled far ahead on the scoreboard. The final score of the game was 68-27 in favor of the Utes.

For the players who went on the trip, it was a chance to see everything behind the scenes that you would not see if you just came for the game. "The trip was fun and I would do it again if I had the chance," said John Etler.

Below: The senior boys pose for a picture. (Left to Right) Back Row: Cody Holldorf, John Etler, Connor McGuire, Michael Gade, Chase Pfeffer, Bryce Hickman; Middle Row: Brandon Aument, Alex Wiseman, Richie Baxter, Joey Candelarie; Bottom Row: Taylor Prothman, Jeff Burtnett, Michael McMahon, Cane Arrowood, and Blair Bradley



One down three to go!!!

Clarissa Laubenthal

Out of 180 instructional days of school, we are down to 142 days left. The first quarter has come and almost gone. Upcoming report cards, new grades, and study hall placement is around the corner. Fall sports are almost over and it's time for State.

Report cards will come out around October 27th. Also, you find out if you are on Honor Roll then too. New grades, for second quarter, start the 25th of October. Remember, each quarter grade is worth 40% of your overall grade and the semester test is worth 20% of your overall grade for the semester.

To stay out of study

hall, all you have to do is keep your grades above a D+. If not, you get to go to study hall.

AHS fall sports teams are doing excellent already this year. cross country girls have finished in the top five throughout the season. Cross country boys have finished in the top five, five times this season. Volleyball's current record is 20 - 4. The football team is currently 1-6.

To all extra curricular activities like: Drama, Model U.N., Quiz Bowl good luck and keep the progress up.

Remember, we only have three quarters left, it's not too late to turn and go back on the right track.

Fruit, cheese, and sausage; oh my!

Tyler Mawdsley

The Algona FFA Chapter has started their yearly fruit, cheese, & sausage sale as of Wednesday the 13th. For those who haven't heard of it, it is a lot like the pizza, pies, and soups fundraiser the students did in middle school.

Members of the FFA will be able to take orders on their forms until November 5th. Orders will be delivered to everyone who ordered December 1st. All of the proceeds will go to improving and maintaining AHS's FFA program.

FFA will still be selling its fruit, cheese, and sausage like previous years. However, candles are not available for purchase this year. New this year, students can now purchase some tasty pickled herring. A few other foods will be on the list as well.

If you want to help our school's great FFA program and get some good eats at the same time, then find an FFA member and ask about ordering!

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Bros to the end

John Krause

The Algona High School Bulldog football team took on the Ballard Bombers on Friday, October 8th, at Ballard. The Bulldogs lost the game 48-7, losing their 6th game of the season.

The Bulldogs had eight first downs against Ballard. Michael McMahon scored the Bulldogs' only touchdown. Cane Arrowood rushed the ball for 61 yards in 18 attempts. Michael Gade says, "Cane Arrowood is the heart and soul of this team."

Michael McMahon rushed for 40 yards on 14 attempts. Blair Bradley completed 3 out of 13 passes for 34 yards. Blair Bradley completed one of those passes to Dylan Cink for 28 yards.

For their next game, the Algona Bulldogs will play the Webster City Lynx this Friday, October 15th. Webster City is coming into the game with a record of 6-1. They are coming off of a 35-0 loss to Clear Lake.



Left: Cane Arrowood goes in for the touchdown against Nevada earlier in the season.

Photos by Jim Gale

Little brother beats up on big brother

Logan Thill

Michigan State whooped on their rival, Michigan, on October 12, 2010, with a score of 34-17. The game was mostly an offensive free-for-all. Neither defense could do much against the other team's offenses.

Both teams came in with the same records of 5-0, fighting for the Paul Bunyan trophy. Kirk Cousins of Michigan State threw for 269 yards including three touchdown passes.

Michigan State's rushing yards totaled 249 yards, unlike Michigan who only had 162 yards. Michigan had a total of 215 passing yards. The Trojans had 3 interceptions to Michigan's none. MSU had 536 total yards on offense compared to 377 for Michigan.

Michigan State's running back, Edwin Baker, had a lot of rushing yards, totaling up to be 147 yards. The rushing game for Michigan State was very

Working for the title

Mackenzie Siefken

The Lady Bulldogs once again take a win against the St. Edmond Gales last Thursday, October 7th, in North Central Conference action. The Bulldogs won three games straight, with the scores of 25-20, 25-14, 25-19.

Leaders for the Bulldogs were once again Brittany Vaske and Allie Simpson, both with ten kills on the night. At the serving line for the Bulldogs, Laura TerHark was perfect, going 18-18 with four aces. Connor Barber also was perfect at the line, 18-18. Brittany Vaske went at the line 10-10 and had one ace.

The next matchup for the volleyball girls is

against the Clear Lake Lions who are 12-7. This game will be played on October 14th.

This matchup is a very important one for the girls. Tawny Schultz says, "I hope we kick some Lion butt!" The game will determine either a tie for the Conference title or an outright win for the seventh straight year. If the girls would win the Conference title outright, it will be the most Conference titles won by a team in Algona history. The girls' track team is one behind with six straight Conference titles.

Hopefully the Lady Bulldogs get the win and get their seventh straight Conference title.

Right: Allie Simpson is ready for a block.



strong on Saturday. On the first drive of the second half, the Trojans' Kirk Cousins threw a 41 yard touchdown pass to Mark Dell to start the half.

"It's still a rivalry; I have great respect for Michigan and outstanding respect for Coach Rodriguez and the job that they do. You embrace rivalries; that's the way I've coached wherever I've been. It's good for college football, and it's good for fans," said MSU Head coach

Mark Dantonio. MSU's head coach, who suffered a heart attack earlier in the season, watched the game from the press box.

For local colleges, the Iowa State Cyclones' record is 3-3 so far. Their next game is in Norman, Oklahoma, against the Oklahoma Sooners. The Iowa Hawkeyes are 4-1. The next team the Hawks are going to play will be Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Saturday, October 16th.

Tacos and nachos

Destiny Smith

For some great nachos and tacos, just drive a little northwest of Fenton to Ringsted. The Halftime Bar and Grill can make sure your stomach leaves happy and extremely full.

Some of the many delicious meals include a massive burrito, which is about ten inches by five inches for \$7.95; the half platter of nachos, which is about twelve inches wide by four inches tall for \$10.95; and the personal platter of nachos, which is approximately seven inches wide by four inches tall for \$7.95

The food comes in such great masses that one person alone can hardly finish their whole meal. The nachos come with piles of ground beef, tomatoes, onions, jalapenos, lettuce, olives, and cheese. You can order any of your toppings on the side and it comes with salsa and sour cream already waiting on the table.

Unfortunately the only downside is these great deals are on Sundays only. So, to get your fill for a great price, Sundays at Halftime is the way to go.

Down by the pits

DJ Throckmorton

In this week's edition of haunted places of Iowa, the legend of the Plum Creek Pits will be addressed. To get to Plum Creek Pits, go east on Highway 18. Just to the east of Fareway, turn left on Plum Creek Road, like you are heading to Oak Lake. Stay on the road and it will take some turns past Scuffham's Gardens. Just before Oak Lake, turn left on the gravel road. Follow this road as it curves to the right. Go over the bridge, and just past the bridge the pits appear on the right side of the road.

This area is known to be haunted by the ghost of a little boy. The boy is said to have died when playing on the banks of the

far corner of the pits. He ran towards the river, where he tripped and was impaled by a stick. Fishermen say they have seen this boy, but when calling out to him, he would run towards the river and disappear. Jackie Hutchison said, "I never knew the pits were haunted nor have I ever seen any ghost there."

Despite being haunted, people, mostly consisting of teens and young adults, still swim and fish in the pits in the summer months.

So if you're looking for a good scare this Halloween, go to the Plum Creek Pits and see if you can see the ghost of the little boy.

New signs

Jenni Weaver

The Algona Community School District is in the process of finishing the Algona Middle School. Since everything was ripped up, they have had new light poles, a new landscaping area for the American flag, and new signs put in. The construction is looking better and better everyday.

The signs tell you where you are going. One says "Middle School," one says "High School," another says "Algona Community School District," and the other says "Algona Community School District Administration." These signs will help visitors know where they are going. Having signs there is helpful to many people, and they make the buildings look nice.

The American flag is in a very nice place. Around the flag is the mulch, which makes it look very well put together. Mackenzie Siefken says, "I think it's very pretty." It is easy to locate and there are new lights that shine on it at night. It is a requirement that all public schools in Iowa must fly the American flag.

The Algona Community School District has put in a lot of money to make our school look nice. With all the construction going on at the school, it is making it look fantastic!

Road construction

Janelle Wittenberg

There has been a lot of road construction in Algona, along with detours that come with it. Diagonal Street was completely redone. The road had been closed for about a week before they even started to blacktop it and they tore the whole street up. You may have noticed from all the huge bumps you had to go over just to cross the street. Most people thought they would stop at one layer, but then they closed off the road again and put another layer on top of that.

Many people that live around the area were not too happy with the road construction. "I was

in a pickle at some points because I couldn't go where I wanted to go," says Matt Olson, who lives next to the construction. Even though most of this time it was a hassle, it helps now that it's all done and there aren't all the bumps in the road.

There has also been construction on the way to Fort Dodge on Highway 169. They are trying to make it four lanes from Humboldt to Fort Dodge. They have a lot of work to do still.

Big man on campus

John Etler

Most, if not everyone, know some things about AHS principal Jared Cecil. After answering a few questions, he let us know a bit more about himself.

Mr. Cecil earned his way into the teaching profession from going to college. He first went to Waldorf, then to Beuna Vista, and finished with a master's degree from Minnesota State in Mankato. If given the choice to do it over again, he wouldn't change anything about his college path. Something he would do differently would be to take four years of Spanish in high school.

Through his career he has worked at three different schools. These schools include Estherville-Lincoln Central, Graettinger-Terril, and Algona. His first job was in Estherville when he supervised in-school

suspensions. After being there he went to Graettinger-Terril. He was there for 10 years and did many jobs over the course of those years. He taught 5th grade, 6th-8th grade science and social studies, and high school social studies. After teaching those, he was a principal in their school system. He started in an elementary school, then moved to the middle school, and finally ended up at the high school. After his 10 years there, he moved to work at Algona High School. When asked if there was any other school he would rather work at, he said, "I would choose to work here. I think the size of the school is perfect. It's small enough that you can get to know people and build relationships, and it's big enough that the students can have all the options they need to excel in college or

the working world."

After asking him if he has any advice for the Dawg Pound, he would like to remind the students that AHS is a class act and that they should use their energy to pump up the team and not bring down the opponent. If he could have any other job in the world, with no strings attached, he would be an FBI agent. He has traveled out of the

country to France, Belgium, Holland, Canada, Mexico, and the Virgin Islands. While in the European countries, he played for a traveling basketball team and toured several countries with the team. He likes to go snow skiing. His least favorite team was the Iowa Hawkeyes, but that changed when Nebraska decided to leave the Big 12 Conference.

“AHS is a great place!”



Dayton Boleneus

Brandee Hockett

A funeral service for Dayton James Boleneus, 11, of Wesley was held on October 7th. The service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Algona at 10:30 a.m. The visitation was held on Wednesday at the Oakcrest Funeral Home in Algona. The burial was in the Buffalo Township Cemetery held in Titonka.

Dayton died Sunday, October 3rd, 2010. He passed away at the Kossuth Regional Health Center. The

Kossuth County Sheriff's office received a call around 10:30 a.m. for an ambulance to assist his family. A seizure most likely caused the death of Dayton who had drowned in the family swimming pool near Britt.

Dayton James Boleneus was born on April 8, 1999, in Omaha, Nebraska. He was a foster child who came to live with Robert and Nita Boleneus on September 10, 2001. Later the Boleneus family adopted him, on May

20, 2003.

Dayton was in 6th grade and spent a lot of time at Bryant Elementary School. He was a fun loving child who loved to swim and play with his squirt gun and bubble machines. He put a sparkle into the eyes of people who met him.

The 6th grade students held a bake sale at the middle school in honor of Dayton. They are talking about planting a tree by the new middle school and

naming it Dayton's tree. They want to have a plaque with his name on it by the tree also. They also are planning on having a yearbook page dedicated to him.



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State band

Jackie Hutchison

Last Saturday, October 9, 2010, Algona's Scarlet Regiment Marching Band went to Fort Dodge to compete at State. The band left at about 11:30, got on two buses, and headed to Fort Dodge. When the band got there, they went to the high school and got to practice for 15 minutes. After that they headed to the field.

Algona performed at 1:00 p.m. After they performed, they get their band picture taken. After everything was done, they started heading home.

Good job to the Al-

gona Band, they got a Division I. They also got a Division I in all four categories. The categories include: Music Execution, Marching and Maneuvering, Marching and Maneuvering-General Effect, and Music General Effect.

This year is the band's 25th year of going to State since 1977 and getting a Division I rating. They have their last field performance this Friday, October 15th, at the football game. Good luck this weekend to the band!

Running to the end

Zach McKenna

The Algona Cross Country team ran at the NCC meet in Clarion on Tuesday, October 12th. The Algona XC team competed against Webster City, St. Eds, Clear Lake, Hampton, Clarion, Humboldt, Eagle Grove, Iowa Falls, and Garrigan.

The Algona Bulldogs' boys cross country team finished second at the Conference meet. Ryan McMahon finished first, Johnny Aboud finished 8th, Joey Schattschneider finished 11th, John Krause finished 16th, Christian Parker finished 27th, Kory Kuecker finished 37th, and Mason Altman came out in 39th. After the meet John Krause said, "I am glad I helped my team come out in second. I am just so ecstatic that Zach

McKenna gets to treat me with extraordinary donuts from Daylight!"

The Algona Bulldogs' girls cross country team finished 2nd, behind the number two ranked Humboldt team. Allana Lauck led the girls with a 3rd place finish, Tangy Wiseman was right behind her with 4th, Kyle Klepper finished in 18th, Katie Connick finished 25th, Megann Schmidt finished in 26th, Katie Green finished 29th, and Anna Zeller came through with a 30th place finish.

The Bulldogs' next cross-country meet is next Thursday, October 21st, in Denison. Go Dogggggggggggggggggggggg!



Above: The Algona Scarlet Regiment Marching Band competing at State in Fort Dodge on October 9th.

Right: Drum major, Breanna Johnson, salutes the judges before AHS performed.

Band photos by John Aboud



PSAT

Jacob Foust

The PSAT test was on the 13th of October in the library. It was for juniors only. The PSAT is great practice for a college admission test and it gives students a head start in knowing what to expect.

Colleges recommend that the top 20 percent

of students in the 11th grade take this test. If you are looking to become a national merit scholar, you have to take the PSAT test.

13 AHS students took the PSAT test. The results will be back in December.



Above: John Krause pushes himself past his opponent.

Left: Katie Green finishes the race strong.